TAPI T.I.P.S. Follow-Up Item

On July 22, 2020 during the Q&A portion of TAPI T.I.P.S., a participant asked a question that had the trainers stumped! So, we showed participants how to access CDC and Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) Ask the Expert program.

We posed the following question to Ask the Expert by emailing NIPINFO@cdc.gov:

Should we recommend parents alternate ibuprofen and Tylenol after vaccines?

Within 10 minutes, this is the response we received from a CDC physician:

CDC doesn’t have a recommendation on this generally. I think there is regional/hospitalization variation on this. I was trained (in the Midwest) to do this in-house. However, there are facilities in the South that claim different minimum ages for these products. So for certain ages there may be a preference for just one product over another. Another consideration is that this might require two scripts be written for on-going outpatient care (for patients that cannot afford over the counter acetaminophen or ibuprofen). Writing two scripts can lead to patient error so facilities may decide to go with just one script.

ACTION STEP

Please consider using Ask the Expert next time you have a question about immunizations! Their response will be timely, accurate and trustworthy!